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Mr. William J. Casey  
Director  
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Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The purpose of this letter is to request that certain information about Soviet weapons production be made available on an unclassified basis, just as it has been in the recent past.

The Joint Economic Committee recently concluded our annual hearings on the Allocation of Resources in the Soviet Union and China. Included in the materials submitted for the hearings are tables showing production quantities of 30 types of Soviet military equipment on an annual basis for the years 1974-85. The tables are classified.

In the past hearings, we have been provided with the same information for 26 types of Soviet weapons on an unclassified basis. Enclosed are copies of tables 10-13, submitted to the Committee by DIA in 1982. The tables cover Soviet production of Ground Force material missiles, aircraft, and ships for each of the years 1977-81.

Similar information about Soviet weapons production is contained in the DOD annual publication, Soviet Military Power. The 1986 edition includes tables covering the same categories of weapons. However, only 22 types of weapons are shown and for only a three-year period, 1983-85. In addition, some of the totals in the DOD publication do not agree with the information I have received and may have been compiled on a different basis.

I would like to have the data for the 26 types for each of the years 1974-85. This would give us the same kind of information in the same format as has been provided in the past.

Of course, the classified tables show both CIA and DIA estimates. I am not asking that this comparison be declassified. It would be acceptable for the tables to show composite figures of the two agencies, or the estimates of one or the other.

Sincerely,

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